

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND DECISION RECORD

Buckskin Fuels Management Project

EA # ID-075-2002-014

A proposal to conduct a fuels reduction treatment (hand felling, piling and burning) on 1,067 acres within a 6,237 acre project area located upon T. 6 S. R. 35 E., sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36. T 6 S. R 36 E. sections 30 and 31. T 7 S. R 35 E. sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 and T 7 S. R 36 E. section 6. managed by the Pocatello Field Office, Upper Snake River District has been reviewed by appropriate staff specialists. Environmental Assessment ID-075-2002-014 was prepared to address the impacts of the proposed action and no action alternative.

Considering all resources and the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant impacts, I have determined the proposed action would not have any significant impact on the human environment when conducted with specific stipulations. Thus the preparation of and Environmental Impact Statement is not required. I have also determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved Pocatello Resource Area Land Use Plan.

Implementation of the proposed action would help reduce the probability of a catastrophic wildfire, sustain a healthy mature forest structure, stimulate the growth of aspen and maple, and reduce the opportunity for the epidemic spread of insects and disease.

This wildfire management decision is issued under 43 CFR Part 5003.1 and is effective immediately. The BLM has made the determination that vegetation, soil, or other resources on the public lands are at substantial risk of wildfire due to drought, fuels buildup, or other reasons, or at immediate risk of erosion or other damage due to wildfire. Thus, notwithstanding the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of the decision. The Interior Board of Land Appeals must decide an appeal of this decision within 60 days after all pleadings have been filed, and within 180 days after the appeal was filed. 43 CFR 4.416.

Authorizing Official: /signed/
Philip Damon
Pocatello Field Office Manager

September 4, 2003
Date